

HOUSE RESOLUTION No. ____

Introduced by: Brown C

A HOUSE RESOLUTION to congratulate Robert Rockne Thomas and Shirley Ann Parker on their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary.

Whereas, Robert Rockne Thomas met Shirley Ann Parker in 1957 while they were both attending Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee;

Whereas, Rockne and Shirley eloped in Clarksville, Tennessee, on January 25, 1958;

Whereas, these two blessed souls were united in Holy Matrimony but kept it a secret until the following May so that Shirley could complete her reign as "Miss Charm of Tennessee State University;"

Whereas, in December of 1959, they completed work on their undergraduate degrees and immediately began working on their graduate degrees;



Whereas, their blessed union in matrimony produced a beautiful and loving daughter, Terrie—and when Terrie married Roland Nolen in 1990, Rockne and Shirley gained a son;

Whereas, Rockne quickly worked his way into school administration, eventually becoming a principal in the Gary Community School Corporation, retiring in 1992 while also serving on the Gary Police Commission from 1980 to 2000;

Whereas, Shirley enjoyed the classroom as well, teaching and serving in staff development as well until retiring in 1999; and

Whereas, the graceful youthfulness of mind and spirit in these two lovebirds is a sight to behold: Therefore

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly
congratulates Robert Thomas Rockne for their fiftieth wedding
anniversary.

SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Robert Thomas
Rockne and Shirley Ann Parker

